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SUBJ: POPPY STRAW: STATUS OF ABBOTT AUSTRALIA/POLISH
GOVERNMENT JOINT VENTURE

REF: STATE 209775 NOTAL

1. REFTEL REQUESTS STATUS REPORT ON THIS PROJECT.

2. CONSTRUCTION HAS JUST STARTED ON PROCESSING PLANT, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN PRODUCTION TOWARD THE END OF CALENDAR YEAR 1976. MEANWHILE, ABBOTT HAS JUST COMPLETED CONTRACT WITH TASMANIAN POPPY GROWERS FOR APPROXIMATELY 2,000 ACRES OF PRODUCTION. POPPIES ABOUT TO BE PLANTED FOR HARVESTING AND DELIVERY ABOUT JANUARY 1976. ABBOTT INTENDS TO EXTRACT SEEDS FOR SALE AND HOLD STRAW FOR PROCESSING IN NEW PLANT WHEN READY. WE UNDERSTAND POPPY ACREAGE UNDER CONTRACT TO ABBOTT CONSISTS ALMOST ENTIRELY OF NEW ACREAGE ADDITIONAL TO PREVIOUS CULTIVATION FOR EXISTING GLAXO PLANT.

3. GOA SUPERVISION ADMINISTERED THROUGH NARCOTICS DIVISION OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WITH TECHNICAL COLLABORATION BY AUSTRALIAN
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NARCOTICS BUREAU IN DESIGN OF SYSTEM. IN ESSENCE, SYSTEM

CONSISTS OF TIGHT PHYSICAL SECURITY ON STORAGE OF POPPY STRAW
PENDING PROCESSING AND DETAILED ACCOUNTING AND LICENSING
SYSTEM COVERING ALL MOVEMENT OF PRODUCT FROM PLANT TO
PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY BUYERS.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH REQUEST EMBASSY WARSAW TO COMMENT ON
HANDLING OF POLISH PARTNER'S SHARE OF PLANT OUTPUT.
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